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**THE SENATE AND THE TARIFF.**

The senate is making for itself a new record for promptness in its action on the tariff. At the present rate of progress the revised tariff may be enacted the first week in July. Several schedules were disposed of last week with far less discussion than was anticipated. The sugar schedule was passed with the usual vote and is completed, with the exception of the provision relating to the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty. That lies over for the present. Only four schedules besides the free list remained to be acted upon at the beginning of the week, besides the completion of the agricultural schedule, and such was the progress that the free list was reached, several schedules being passed over, including that on wool, on which a speedy agreement is predicted at rates approaching those of the house bill. The duty on raw cotton stands, and as a compensation ten per cent. has been added to manufactures of cotton. This was resisted as being unnecessary by most of the senators from the South. The Pettigrew amendment, which was designed to operate against trusts, was sharply discussed, Senator Hoar and others declaring that it was "folly and abomination through and through," and would be an effective instrument in the hands of scheming capitalists. It was defeated by a vote of 35 to 32. In course of the discussion Mr. Morgan made the point that the Sherman Anti-Trust law has not been declared unconstitutional, and that it gives ample statutory authority to punish such offenses as the Pettigrew amendment was designed to reach.

The people of Eugene are in considerable trouble over the university located in that city. They have treated the matter as of local concern, and have yet to learn that all portions of the state have as much interest in the university as the residents of Eugene. Severe criticism of President Chapman is made because he does not in all respects coincide with the sentiments of some of Eugene's citizens; but the fact remains, nevertheless, that under Dr. Chapman's management the state university has grown from a fresh water institution to a college of recognized rank. At the same time, as we suggested Saturday, his future usefulness will be impaired by the imbroglio into which he has been drawn. If the people of Eugene cannot keep from injecting their local troubles into the life of the university, the rest of the state will be inclined to follow the suggestion of the Oregonian and move the institution to some place where local bickerings will find less fertile soil.

Providence is interposing in behalf of a suffering people. As there is no human agency which can stop a senator from talking when he wants to run at the mouth, the Almighty has come to the relief and caused a paralyzation of his vocal chords. The fate of Pettigrew should be a warning to other loquacious senators. We are glad that he has recovered, but hope he will profit by the experience. In the meantime the people are anxious for the passage of the tariff bill and the resumption of prosperity, which it is bound to bring.

Marion county is having experience with a whitewashing grand jury. Charges were made against the county judge for criminal negligence

in allowing exorbitant bills against the county. Two reports were made, a majority report signed by four grand jurors and a minority report signed by three; but as five names were necessary to sign an indictment, the matter cannot at this time be further pressed. The Salem Statesman is inclined to think it is a deliberate case of whitewash, and asks the question "Is our grand jury system a failure?"

The Commercial Club is making an effort towards better communication between The Dalles and Sherman county. This is not only commendable, but necessary. Let us, as citizens, give this matter the attention it deserves and make the necessary sacrifice. It will pay in the long run.

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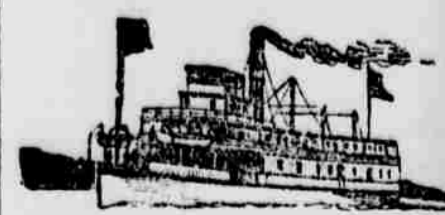
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